

REMARKS**A. Status of the Claims and Explanation of the Amendments**

Prior to the submission of this paper and RCE, claims 1, 12, 13, and 18-23 were pending. In this paper, Applicant has requested the cancellation of claims 1, 12, 13, and 18-23 without prejudice. When Applicant's request is entered, claims 1-23 will have been cancelled.

Claims 24-29 are new claims that have been added by RCE, pursuant to a discussion between the Examiner and the undersigned representative for the Applicant on September 29, 2004. Applicant believes that no new matter has been added by the presentation of these new claims.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims and allowance of this application.

AUTHORIZATION

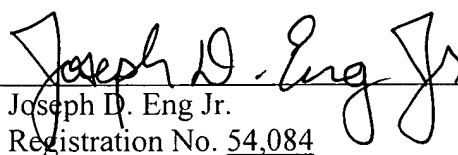
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1232-4830. A DUPLICATE OF THIS DOCUMENT IS ATTACHED.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1232-4830. A DUPLICATE OF THIS DOCUMENT IS ATTACHED.

Respectfully submitted,
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